

## **Oriental Woman's Club (OWC) Executive Meeting Minutes September 26, 2023**

The meeting was called to order and welcomed by Co-President Ellen Blackmon and Julie Wiegand at 10:30 a.m. Also present: Deborah Powers, Treasurer; Jean Chastang, Assistant Treasurer; Sally Farrell, Maintenance; Gay Webster, Home Life; Linda Caroon, Co-chair Cemetery; Jen Walsh, Co-chair cemetery; Marguerite Garrett, LON; Maryellen Bickel, co-chair Arts and Education; Carol Young, Co-chair Arts and Education; Sharon Morgan; Co Secretary; Sharon Gilbert, Co-chair of the Garden Club; and Jody Riddle, Co-Secretary. A quorum was present.

Minutes from the last Executive Committee (EC) Meeting have been read, approved, and accepted for file.

Sally Farrell, Sharon Gilbert, and Carol Young volunteered to read/proof the September Executive Committee meeting minutes. Minutes to be read and returned to Jody by Thursday (9-28-23).

A review of meeting etiquette was shared: 1. Please turn off your phone; 2. Be kind, respectful, and thoughtful when speaking and listening

**Treasurer's Report:** Deborah Powers presented the August 2023 report before the body to be accepted for filing.

**Correspondence:** None at this time

### **Old/Unfinished Business:**

- Progress of Nominating Committee: Ongoing
  
- Update on Miss Fay's Birthday party- 4 members have volunteered to bring goodies. The parade begins at Ms. Fay's home at 4:30 with arrival at Lou Mac park at 5:00.
  
- Change - Ol' Front Porch Music Festival sweet treats should be bagged/ priced by baker.
  
- Financial Management Committee meeting date: TBD

### **New Business:**

- Refurbish the First Aid Kit (check expiration dates and replenish as needed). Julie Wiegand volunteered as did Jody Riddle.

- The Oriental Woman's Club has 120 place settings (plus extras ). Sally Farrell shared the current inventory list (2021). Add "Check the shed" for possible leaks when heavy rain is forecast to the Monday girls duties. (Rain gutter on the left side of the shed (facing the parking lot) was full of pine straw.
- Jody Riddle and Deborah Powers volunteered to study handicap parking requirements and see if we can accommodate two spots.
- Dessert of the month samples: The members plan to share samples at the Fay Bond birthday celebration, as well as homemade goodies and at the Ol' Front Porch Music Festival weekend. The goodies are at booth #13 (by the labyrinth).
- We will rent the Oriental Woman's Club House for the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee for their use only with a signed contract. A Motion was made by Ellen Blackmon and properly seconded by Marguerite Garrett. The vote was called and passed with one opposed.
- Sharon Morgan reiterated that the OWC is nonpartisan.

### **Announcements:**

None

### **Reports from Program Chairs and Activities Managers:**

- ❖ Arts: Maryellen Bickel shared that the new budget needs to include all current art program teachers which may result in a request for an increase in their line item.
- ❖ Education: Maryellen Bickel stated that committee is exploring a scholarship fundraiser to be set up for our December meeting as a pot luck. A donation toward the scholarship TBD. The group is also requesting clothing to develop a clothes closet.
- ❖ Garden Club: Sharon Gilbert shared that the macrame project was completed at home. The Oct 17<sup>th</sup> meeting will feature stenciling of pots and pumpkins. Road clean-up is scheduled for tomorrow at 9:00 then another on November 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00. The group reviewed the current landscaping around the Club House. A committee will be led by Julie Wiegand. A budget request from the building fund of \$500 will be made. Funds will be requested from 1/2 of the plant sale proceeds. A date of

October 24<sup>th</sup> for outside Club House cleanup was suggested. The Christmas tree decorating will have a sign-up sheet at the General Meeting. The Christmas luncheon's date will be December 13. The butterfly garden speakers shared seeds for those who wanted which resulted in successful gardens. The November meeting date was moved to November 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 after the Executive Meeting.

- ❖ Home Life: None
- ❖ Ladies of the Neuse: Marguerite Garrett stated that the annual craft fair is scheduled for November 11<sup>th</sup>. Meetings will be scheduled as needed.
- ❖ Building Maintenance : Sally Farrell shared that the Monday Girls list will be reviewed/revamped this fall.
- ❖ Cemetery Manager: Linda Caroon informed the group that donations continue to dwindle.
- ❖ Fundraising Manager: None
- ❖ Hostess Manager: Gay Webster shared who the October General Meeting hostesses which are Carol Young, Robin Warfield, and Jody Riddle.
- ❖ Membership: None
- ❖ Newsletter Editor: None
- ❖ Property Rental Manager: None
- ❖ Publicity Manager: \*reminder that Town Dock must be contacted in advance if we want pics taken at our events. Email: info@towndock.net
- ❖ Scholarship Manager: None
- ❖ Website Manager: None
- ❖ Yearbook Editor: None

Adjourn

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Morgan and Jody Riddle